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The Diabetes Leadership Council Announces 2026 Board of Directors

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 5, 2026 – [The Diabetes Leadership Council](#) (DLC) today announced the appointment of **Nancy D'Hondt, RPh, CDCES, FADCES** as its incoming Board Chair, the election of new officers for 2026, and the addition of **Bruce Taylor** to its Board of Directors.

Nancy D'Hondt is a clinical pharmacist at Henry Ford St. John Hospital with over 20 years of experience in diabetes care and education. She currently serves as the **2025 Chair of the Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE)**. A former President of the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES), she is widely known for her leadership in advancing diabetes care standards.

“As the Diabetes Leadership Council continues to grow its national impact, Nancy’s leadership, expertise, and vision are exactly what we need at this moment,” said Stewart Perry, outgoing Chair and newly elected Secretary. “Her decades of experience across clinical practice, systems-level advocacy, and national certification standards uniquely position her to guide DLC’s mission in 2026 and beyond.”

The DLC also announced additional officers for the 2026 term: **Karmeen Kulkarni, MS, RD, BC-ADM, CDCES**, will serve as First Vice Chair; **Alyce Thomas, RDN, FAND**, will serve as Second Vice Chair; **Stewart Perry** will serve as Secretary; and **Larry Smith** will continue his role as Treasurer.

In addition to its officers, the DLC welcomes **Bruce Taylor** to the Board for a three-year term. Taylor brings extensive experience in diabetes policy and a deep commitment to improving the lives of people with diabetes nationwide.

“I am honored to serve as Chair of the Diabetes Leadership Council at such a pivotal moment for the diabetes community,” said D'Hondt. “Throughout my career, I have seen firsthand how policy, access, and high-quality care shape people’s lives. I look forward to working alongside this dedicated Board to advance solutions that reduce barriers, support the diabetes care workforce, and ensure that every person with diabetes has access to the tools and care they need to thrive.”

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About The Diabetes Leadership Council

The Diabetes Leadership Council is a 501(c)(3) patient advocacy organization comprised of individuals with decades of diabetes experience and leadership to advance patients-first policies at the local, state and national levels. We are people with diabetes, parents of children with diabetes, allies and tireless volunteers dedicated to improving the lives of all people impacted by this condition. Our members—all former leaders of national diabetes organizations—engage policymakers, and public and private sector

influencers to call attention to the diabetes epidemic and provide a voice for 37 million Americans living with diabetes. Learn more on our [website](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).